

24 AUG 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration
Chief, Central Cover Staff
Security Adviser, Honor and Merit Awards Board
Director of Personnel

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson
Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT: Agency Seal Medallion for Vincent Melzac

REFERENCE: (08 July 1982)

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1. Reference HN announces the policy and procedures which are to govern the award of the Agency Seal Medallion. According to paragraph 2, the Medallion "may be awarded to . . . private citizens . . . who have made a significant contribution to the Agency's intelligence effort."

2. Vincent Melzac, from whose extensive collection the art works in the main concourse have been borrowed, has for a number of years demonstrated in a most practical manner his interest, concern and support for the Central Intelligence Agency. In making these works of art available for the enhancement of the surroundings within which CIA employees work, Mr. Melzac has made a unique contribution to the Agency's efforts. It is true that the specific works of art, representing as they do the abstract forms and colors typical of the Washington Color School, are not to everyone's liking, but even those who criticize individual works are usually willing to admit that the paintings bring color and form to the corridor walls and generally enhance the appearance of our building.

3. Mr. Melzac has in the past few months made three works of signal importance available for display here. The Spaventa statue installed a few months ago opposite the main entrance is insured for a \$100,000 and the two Morris Louis paintings just installed in the C and D corridors of the concourse are each insured for \$250,000. These values are cited not to put a price tag on Mr. Melzac's support for CIA but to illustrate with what a lavish hand he has shared works from his private collection.

4. In addition to these tangible evidences, Mr. Melzac has been consistently supportive of the work of the Fine Arts Commission and has helped us to establish contacts with other sources of possible art display.

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5. I think it is totally appropriate and in the spirit of the reference policies for this Agency to award the Agency Seal Medallion to Mr. Vincent Melzac. Your support for this recommendation will be appreciated.

Bruce T. Johnson

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CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Administration

Date

Director of Personnel

Date

Chief, Central Cover Staff

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Security Adviser to the Honor and
Merit Awards Board

Date

APPROVAL:

Executive Director

Date

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AGENCY SEAL MEDALLION (U)

1. This notice sets forth the policy and procedures governing awarding of the Agency Seal Medallion. HR 20-37 will be revised accordingly. (U)

2. The Agency Seal Medallion is a three-inch bronze replica of the Agency seal with the reverse side designed to accommodate a brief personalized inscription. This medallion was established in 1965 as recognition of an individual's sustained outstanding support to the Agency for which a regular Agency honor award would not be appropriate. It does, however, rank with such awards in importance and may not be used as a memento of occasional or routine service or association with the Agency. The Agency Seal Medallion may be awarded to U.S. Government employees of other agencies, to private citizens, and to foreign nationals, [redacted] who have made a significant contribution to the Agency's intelligence effort. [redacted]

3. The approving authority for the Agency Seal Medallion is the Executive Director. Requests for approval will be in memorandum form addressed to the Executive Director and routed for concurrence through the Central Cover Staff, the Security Adviser to the Honor and Merit Awards Board, and the Director of Personnel. If the person making the recommendation is not a Deputy Director or Head of Independent Office, the recommendation also will bear that official's concurrence. The recommendation will include a complete description of the contribution justifying the award and suggested wording of the inscription to be engraved on the reverse side of the medallion. The recommendation should include any additional pertinent information such as the desired timing and level of presentation. [redacted]

4. Upon approval of the award, the Protocol Branch, Office of Personnel, will arrange for its presentation in coordination with the operating component. Depending on the recipient and the nature of the accomplishment, the medallion will be presented by the appropriate Deputy Director, Head of Independent Office, or, if warranted, the Executive Director, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, or Director of Central Intelligence. If the awardee resides abroad, the medallion may be presented by the local Chief of Station or Base. Other presentations must be approved by the Executive Director. (U)

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SUBJECT: (Optional)
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FROM: Bruce T. Johnson
Chairman, Fine Arts Commission
2D00 Headquarters building

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3. C/CCS 6B4401 Hqs				Concurrence
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5. Security Advisor Honor & Merit Awards 7E31 Hqs				Concurrence
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7. D/OP 5E58 Hqs				Concurrence
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9. Executive Director 7E12 Hqs				Approval
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5. Questions concerning the above guidelines should be
addressed to the Protocol Branch, [REDACTED] (U)

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Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director
of
Administration

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